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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY BUILDS NEW CONCERT HALL

MONTRÉAL / June 21, 1988 --- Construction started this week on a 600-seat concert hall on Concordia University's west-end campus. The $4 million multi-purpose facility will open in September 1989.

The hall will be used principally by Concordia's Faculty of Fine Arts, which stages approximately 110 concerts a year -- most of which are free and open to the public.

Concordia will also rent the hall to community groups. There is a shortage of adequate musical facilities on the western part of Montreal Island; Concordia expects to accommodate about 100 of these outside bookings annually.

Financed entirely through Concordia's five-year $25 million Capital Campaign, the new hall has been designed with variable acoustics, a 1,100 square-foot stage, and state-of-the art sound systems and lighting.

Lemoyne, Lapointe, Magne are the architects for the 10,000 square-foot building. The contractor is Construction Valbrice Inc. of St-Léonard.

The concert hall forms part of a $13 million redevelopment of Concordia's Loyola Campus. The new structure will be built adjacent to the Campus Centre and the Georges P. Vanier Library, which is currently undergoing an $8 million expansion and renovation. All three buildings will share a common foyer.

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